

**Morgantown Parking Authority
Minutes for Regular Monthly Meeting
3:00 PM Wednesday, September 10, 2014
Public Safety Building Conference Room**

Present: Chairman Charlie McEwuen, Vice Chair Jeanne Hagan, Shane Mardis, Dennis Bidwell, Wes Nugent, and Director Tom Arnold

Not Present:

Others Present: Terri Cutright (Main Street Morgantown)

Call to Order: Chairman McEwuen called the Meeting to order at 3:02 PM

Approval of the Minutes: Upon a motion by Dennis Bidwell and Shane Mardis second, the minutes from the August 14, 2014 meeting were accepted and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Request from Radman Building Project – Chairman McEwuen and Director Arnold had a meeting with Glenn Adrian and Greg Eddy about having a constant drive lane from High Street into the lot to minimize the impact of staging on Lot B. They had a design with an existing drive lane. Mr. Adrian agreed that they would pay the average daily income for each parking space impacted by the Radman Project.

The Authority also discussed the potential issues that must address in an agreement for the staging area. The Director gave the Board a list of items that should be considered and that the City Attorney would also have input to a final agreement that will come before the Authority for their approval.

Wiles Hill Parking District - The Authority was informed that 174 permits have been issued and the enforcement would start Monday, September 15th. The Director informed the Authority that he had agreed to issued temporary permits to property owners that have applied for a permit to construct off street parking.

Mr. Nugent (lives in the District) stated that he was hearing from Grove and Melrose residents were very luke warm for opening alley right of ways for additional off street parking. The cost estimates to open alleys would be a considerable expense.

NEW BUSINESS

Main Street Morgantown on New Branding – Terri Cutright attended the meeting to ask the Authority with trash collection for the Art is Food on September 26 at the Pavilion. The Authority agreed to assist with equipment and personnel. Ms. Cutright asked if WVU could use the gate system access coupon program for any parents that would be attending the Art is Food

Program. The Director stated that he had been contacted previously about the possibility by WVU and he told them it would be available to them. Ms. Cutright gave the Authority information on Hot Shot Parking program that uses phone apps to pay for parking. The Director agreed to research the Hot Shot program for potential application in Morgantown.

Ms. Cutright also brought illustrations of the new banners representing the new branding for the Downtown. Under a grant Main Street has received, 5 banners would be donated to the Authority to hang on the Wharf Garage. The Authority accepted the banners and agreed to install them when they arrive.

Ms. Cutright asked for the Authority to write a letter of support and attend the Planning Commission meeting on September 11th to the Campus Living Project on the VFW property. Chairman McEwuen stated that he was attending the meeting as a business owner to support the project and the Authority agreed that the Chairman could represent the MPA's position.

Resolution to pay Bond Commission electronically – The Authority had a request from the Finance Director to approve a resolution to pay the Bond Commission electronically. Dennis Bidwell made the motion to approve the listed resolution to pay the Bond Commission electronically. The motion was seconded by Wes Nugent. The Authority approved unanimously.

Fees for Bagged Meters – The Authority has concern with how the bagged meters get abused and the general consensus was that the program needs to be overhauled. The major problem is the inconvenience to any potential customers trying to park in the Downtown. There was concern with how extend use may negatively influence daily commerce.

Hotel Morgan Guest Parking Fees – The Director asked the Authority to renegotiate the hotel customer parking in Lot C and Lot D. The Authority approved the Director to contact the Hotel Morgan to begin the discussions.

July 2014 Budget Performance Report – There were no questions pertaining to the Budget Performance Report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 PM

Parking Authority Chairman

Parking Authority Director